UNITED NATIONS

ST

Secretariat

ST/IC/1997/61
18 September 1997

INFORMATION CIRCULAR*

To: Members of the staff at Headquarters

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW DESKTOP OPERATING SYSTEM ON PERSONAL COMPUTERS AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS

1. The present information circular is to inform all staff at headquarters that a new desktop operating system, Windows 95, will be the standard operating system for all personal computers. A project to upgrade all personal computers, which began in 1997 with the replacement of all 386 computers, will resume in October and is expected to be completed by mid-1998. A schedule for implementation in each office will be prepared by the Information Technology Services Division in collaboration with a technical focal point for each area.

2. Some older personal computers cannot run Windows 95. Those machines will be replaced under the 1997 equipment replacement programme prior to the Windows 95 upgrade for each area. Local area network administrators are coordinating with the Division in the deployment of replacement computers.

3. Although text-based applications presently running under DOS may operate successfully in a Windows 95 environment, it is recommended that all DOS applications be phased out and replaced with Windows versions. Once an office has been upgraded to Windows 95, assistance with the earlier operating systems (DOS and/or Windows 3.1) will no longer be provided by the Division.

4. Any queries concerning the information given in the present circular should be addressed to your local technical focal point or by e-mail to Windows 95 project coordinator, ITSD.

---

* Expiration date of the present circular: 31 December 1998.

97-24624 (E) 230997